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Talking About Dementia with Dr. David Hogan

Gain a better understanding of Alzheimer's disease and related dementias. Dr. David Hogan will lead an informative presentation and answer some questions from the audience. As a local expert on dementia, Dr. Hogan is the Medical Director of the Cognitive Assessment Clinic and holds the Brenda Strafford Foundation Chair in Geriatric Medicine at the University of Calgary. The Alzheimer Society of Calgary will also share information on the programs and services available to help you.

This is a fantastic opportunity for people looking to learn some excellent, introductory information about Alzheimer's disease or related dementias, or who may be searching for additional support, resources, hope and inspiration. There is no cost to attend but registration is required.

Saturday, January 28th 10 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

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Child Safe Canada	403-202-5900
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Poison Centre - Alberta	1-800-332-1414
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Rockyview General Hospital	403-943-3000
Sheldon M. Chumir Health Centre	403-955-6200
South Calgary Urgent Care Health Centre	403-943-9300
South Health Campus	403-956-1111
OTHER	
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Calgary Parking Authority	403-537-7000
SeniorConnect	403-266-6200
Calgary Kerby Elder Abuse Line	403-705-3250
Alberta One-Call Corporation	1-800-242-3447
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WE NEED YOU! CONTACT US TO VOLUNTEER AND GET INVOLVED IN YOUR COMMUNITY.

OUR VISION

We will be a safe community with established programs and facilities, committed volunteers, and we'll be financially stable.

OUR MISSION

To enhance the quality of life in Deer Ridge for today and the future by establishing and fulfilling the common goals, needs and interests of our community.



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Women's English and Social Group

Improve your spoken English and meet new women in your community with the New Friends and Neighbourhood Groups program. Drop in at one of our weekly groups throughout the city. No cost, no immigration requirements and no minimum English requirement. Free childcare provided for children 6 months to 6 years old. Visit www.ciwa-online.com for group locations and times or contact Debra Colley at 403-444-1752 or debrac@ciwa-online.com.

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St. Bonaventure Junior High School

What a great celebration of fine arts hosted in December. The drama students displayed mini skits highlighting what they have learned thus far this year, while the band students played festive music between the drama skits. The art students sold adult style coloring books and Christmas cards which were designed by the students themselves. Money from the sales was donated to Project Tanzania. If you missed this evening of celebration there will be another one hosted in the spring. Thank you to those of you in the community that purchased poinsettias and Christmas wreaths as those funds help support the various band festivals that the students will attend in the spring. The funds raised also pay for professional clinicians for our budding musicians. Academically, the grade nine students are in the midst of registering for high school. Besides attending various open houses, the students will make informed decisions about the high school they will be attending next year.

St. Bonaventure will be hosting an information night featuring the Spanish bilingual program on Wednesday, January 18th. All potential students are welcome to attend. In the middle of April, the school will host an open house for all the programs offered at the school. Check the school website for details about any of our information or open house evenings.

MESSAGE FROM THE DEER RIDGE BOARD

directly with your Ward 14 Councillor!

Happy New Year!

January Family Winter Skate

Mark your calendars for Saturday, January 14th, 2017 to attend Family Winter Skate! There will be free hot dogs and hot chocolate! All are welcome to join the fun!



(In case of bad weather, the alternate date in the following Saturday on January 21st, 2017)

Community Partners

Residents of Deer Ridge may receive special offers upon presentation of current Deer Ridge Community Association membership card. Please visit DeerRidgeCA.com/community-partners for more details. Welcome to the following Community Partners:

"Play It Again Sports" - skate sharpening (get coupon at DeerRidgeCA.com/community-partners)

"Deer Point Alterations & Repairs" - receive 10% off repairs and alterations \$100.00 or more.

"Cornerstone Music Café" - receive 10% off

"Around The Bend" - receive 10% off

Counciltalks

Please join Councillor Demong on Saturday, January 28 from noon to 2 p.m. At the Lake Bonavista Community Centre for the year's first Counciltalk. This is a great opportunity to speak directly with your Ward 14 Councillor!



THE DEER RIDGE COMMUNITY BOARD

Monthly Meeting

Do you have suggestions for your community? Would you like to volunteer on the Board?

The next board meeting is:

Date & Time: Tuesday, January 17th, 2016 at 7 PM

Location: The Trico Centre - Meeting Room # 6

Are you interested in attending but getting a babysitter is an issue? No worries, there is plenty of space in the meeting room for your children. Remember to bring child's favourite books, tablets, toys.

You may also contact the Deer Ridge Community Association by visiting the website: DeerRidgeCA.com, or by email: DeerRidgeCA@gmail.com. You may also like us on Facebook, and follow on twitter: [@DeerRidgeCA](https://twitter.com/DeerRidgeCA).

Thank-you for your support and participation in the community!

THE DEER RIDGE COMMUNITY BOARD

Treasurer Position

The board is looking for a volunteer to fill the executive position of Treasurer. This position will require approximately six hours average per month with additional time required for year-end reports. All executive members of the board are unpaid volunteers.

This is a great opportunity to be actively involved in board governance, management of facilities, community programming and planning of your community.

Please mail or email your résumé in confidence to the Deer Ridge Community Association.

The following is copied from Federation of Calgary Communities - Board Governance & Leadership -> Job Descriptions -> Treasurer Job Description:

Job Description: Treasurer

Authority: The Board of Directors is the legal authority for the Community Association.

Term of Office: Term of office is 2 years.

Reports to: The Board of Directors

General Duties/Requirements:

- * A director is expected to be fully informed on Community Association matters and participate in discussions and decisions in matters of policy, finance, programs, personnel and advocacy.
- * Commit to the work of the organization.
- * Must be a member in good standing of the Community Association
- * Review the board's conduct and monitor its performance to ensure compliance with bylaws and policies.
- * Speak positively of the Association and assist in developing and maintaining positive relations among the board, committees and communities to enhance the Association's mission.
- * Orient new board members.
- * Prepare for and arrive on time for all required meetings
- * Develop, monitor, review and approve all policies and other recommendations received from the board, its standing committees and staff.
- * Review the bylaws and recommend changes to the membership.
- * Participate in the development of the Association's organizational plan, annual review and budget.
- * Approve the budget and other financial matters.
- * Prepare and submit all governmental and grant required reports in a timely manner
- * Prepare and present required reports at board meetings.
- * Prepare and present an annual report at the annual general meeting.

Responsibilities:

- * Gives regular reports to the board on the financial state of the Community Association.
- * Acts as signing officer, with another officer, for cheques and other documents.
- * Keep accurate financial records for the Association;
- * Deposit money, drafts, and checks in the name of the Association and to the credit of the Association in the banks and depositories designated by the board;
- * Endorse for deposit notes, checks, and drafts received by the Association as ordered by the board, making proper vouchers for the deposit;
- * Disburse Association funds and issue checks and drafts in the name of the Association as ordered by the board;
- * Upon request, provide the President and the Board an account of transactions by the treasurer and of the financial condition of the Association;
- * Issues cheques for all invoices.
- * Enters all transactions in the journal and balances monthly.
- * Prepares monthly financial statements in a timely manner for the Board.
- * Supervises the bookkeeper, if one is engaged.
- * Completes security clearance checks.
- * Manages finances of the organization
- * Administers fiscal matters of the organization
- * Provides annual budget to the board for members' approval
- * Ensures development and board review of financial policies and procedures
- * Be assured that the Board and its committees are adequately and currently informed - through reports and other methods - of the condition of the Association and its operations.
- * Be assured that reports properly reflect the operating results and financial condition of the Association.
- * Ascertain that management has established appropriate policies to define and identify conflicts of interest throughout the Association, and is diligently administering and enforcing those policies.
- * Appoint independent auditors subject to approval by members.
- * Perform other duties prescribed by the Board or by the President.

VOLUNTEER FORM



The continued success of events as well as maintenance and improvements of facilities is dependent upon involvement of Deer Ridge residents. We invite you to join us in the fun!

We are updating our 2016-2017 list of volunteers. If you are interested, please fill out the form below and return by mail, or visit www.DeerRidgeCA.com and fill it out online.

Deer Ridge Community Association, PO Box 43052, Calgary, AB T2J 7A7 | Tel: 403-606-733

Email: DeerRidgeCA@gmail.com | Website: DeerRidgeCA.com

Facebook: Deer Ridge Community Association | Twitter: @DeerRidgeCA

Deer Ridge Community Association, Volunteer Activities 2016 – 2017

- ☐ **Community Clean-Up** (Sept 18, 2016: set-up/take down, assist City staff directing people and receiving items, community signage and posters)
- ☐ **Fundraising Casino** (January 11th & 12th, 2017: money, money, money!)
- ☐ **Family Winter Skate** (January: set-up/take down, food and beverage service, event preparation, community signage and posters)
- ☐ **Ice Rinks** (Nov-March: maintaining ice surface)
- ☐ **Tennis Courts** (May-Oct: maintaining court surface)
- ☐ **Children's Christmas Party** (December: event preparation)
- ☐ **Volunteer Recognition** (Spring: event preparation)
- ☐ **Membership Drives** (Aug-Oct: door-to-door delivery of membership forms)
- ☐ **Movie at Yellow Slide Park** (July & Aug: event preparation, set-up/take down, food & beverage service, contact businesses for raffle prizes, community signage and posters)
- ☐ **Community Festival** (July: set-up/take down event tables, community signage and posters)
- ☐ **Community Gardens** (May-Oct: building new garden structures, painting, prepping beds at start of season, post-harvest activities)
- ☐ **Special Projects: playground rebuilds, pathway to rinks and gardens, etc.** (ongoing: planning, cost estimates, coordination with The City, organizing volunteers, construction)
- ☐ **Association Board Member or Committee Member** (various roles to suit individual's time available to volunteer)
- ☐ **Doesn't matter to me. I'll help with whatever is needed.**

First Name: _____ Last Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Ideas or Comments:



Deer Ridge Community Association Membership Request / Renewal Form



Membership Year:
AGM June 16th, 2016 – August 31st, 2017

Thank-you in advance for your support!
Membership fee \$15.00

Online membership payment available at DeerRidgeCA.com

Name:

Additional Family Members:

Mailing Address:

Phone Number(s):

Email Address(s)*:

* Please note your email address will be added to our electronic mailing list used for notifications of upcoming community events and information. We do not share your information.

Membership Request & Payment options:

Mail completed form & cheque payable to:	Deer Ridge Community Association PO Box 43052, Calgary, AB, T2J 7A7
Online:	DeerRidgeCA.com/Membership

Two membership cards, printed with last name(s), will be mailed to your household.

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January at Trico Centre

Trico Centre for Family Wellness is a non-profit, community-owned and operated recreation facility. Our passes are affordable and our programs are family-friendly. With a pass, you can work out in the fitness centre, take more than 70-drop-in fitness classes a week, use the gymnasium, swim, skate, or play shinny, plus you get 20% off our fun, active registered programs.

Residents of communities partnered with Trico Centre (yours!) pay 20% less for a Trico Centre pass with presentation of a community association membership or payment of the Community Support Fee (which is sent to your community association.)

Recession Busters

- The Trico Cares program offers fee assistance for passes and admissions. Plus, we have partnered with organizations that offer fee assistance for programs (Canadian Tire Jumpstart, KidzFirst, KidsSport). See www.tricocentre.ca for details.
- Affordable swim specials: 8:30-9:30pm Monday to Saturday, just \$3/person. Sundays 6-8pm, Family Night Swim, \$3/person.

Register for Winter Programs

It is not too late to register for January-start programs for children, adults, and older adults.

KEYBOARD SHORTCUTS

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Adults/Older Adults

- Amp up your fitness with registered adult programs starting in January: Cardio Kickboxing, Cardio Dance, Ballet Barre Blast, DancePL3Y. Improved strength and wellness with Myofascial Stretch and Release and Straighten Up!
- Cool new program: Strike It Cardio Drumming: Free Demo class on January 6 from 7:30-8:30pm.
- January is a great time to get back to the fitness centre – more than 70 drop-in fitness classes every week included with your pass.
- Small Group Training: personal training made affordable. Maximum of 4 participants in each focused group. Choose from fat burning, healthy back and joints, learning the basics, power lifting, and designing your own strength program.
- For older adults: registered multi-week programs starting in January include Balance Builders, Bone Builders, Chair Yoga.

Families

- Registered family programs: Mommy & Me Fitness, Mommy & Me Barre, Mommy/Daddy & Me Aquafit, Pre-Natal Aquafit.
- Family Night: Sunday Night is Family Night – swim from 6 to 8pm. Free for pass holders; general public is \$3 per person.

Children & Youth

From “just learning to walk” to teenagers: swim lessons, skating lessons, dance, gymnastics, creative, sports/active, karate, mind/body – programs for every age.

Students

High School Student January Exam Stress Release Pass, January 1-31 just \$22.

Trico Centre is located at 11150 Bonaventure Drive SE. Residents of partnered communities' pay 20% less passes than those who reside outside partnered communities. Phone: 403-278-7542 or see www.tricocentre.ca to find out more.

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Deer Ridge Real Estate Update

Last 12 Months Deer Ridge
MLS Real Estate Sale Price Stats

	Average Asking Price	Average Sold Price
November 2016	\$423,450	\$418,500
October 2016	\$457,950	\$448,500
September 2016	\$367,400	\$350,500
August 2016	\$409,900	\$398,000
July 2016	\$362,400	\$361,700
June 2016	\$352,400	\$344,625
May 2016	\$347,250	\$340,000
April 2016	\$330,000	\$320,000
March 2016	\$399,900	\$380,000
February 2016	\$414,900	\$401,000
January 2016	\$349,900	\$326,500

Last 12 Months Deer Ridge
MLS Real Estate Number of Listings Stats

	No. New Properties	No. Properties Sold
November 2016	3	4
October 2016	2	2
September 2016	5	2
August 2016	4	5
July 2016	5	4
June 2016	4	4
May 2016	2	6
April 2016	5	3
March 2016	6	3
February 2016	1	3
January 2016	3	1

To view more detailed information that comprise the above
MLS averages please visit deer-ridge.great-news.ca



Name	Age	Contact	Course
Amanda	15	587-899-8983	Yes
Ashley	22	403-271-2763	No
Ayden	17	403-880-4809	Yes
Calena	20	403-978-5477	No
Emma	14	403-200-5906	Yes
Janelle	25	403-617-5929	Yes
Mattea	16	403-245-1436	Yes
Molly	15	403-630-5365	Yes
Nicole	18	403-862-8692	Yes
Owen	15	403-819-2259	Yes
Rochelle	13	587-834-5225	Yes

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Peak Earnings At Last! The Pluses and Pitfalls

by Suzanne Smith-Demers – Consultant

You've worked hard and now you're right in your earnings sweet spot: these are your peak earnings years. Not only has your income increased, your finances are steadily improving. Now is the time to secure your long-term financial future by making the most of your peak earnings years. Here are some tips for doing just that:

Pay off unwanted debt Apply some of your extra money to paying down your debts, be strategic and focus on the highest interest costs first.

Identify your priorities Rushing forward to realize some dreams? Beware of spending too much now at the expense of your future. Take the time to identify your priorities and budget realistically to achieve them.

Prepare your kids It's tougher these days for young people to become financially independent. Many parents are finding themselves helping their kids, not just with post-secondary, but for several years beyond. Investing a few dollars each month into a registered education savings plan (RESP) is a good start, having your kids contribute some of their own pocket money can help teach them too.

Support your parents As a member of the sandwich generation you could find yourself not only supporting your kids but aging parents as well. Include that possibility in your budgeting decisions and look for ways to plan for certain expenses in advance.

Plan to retire How would it feel to know that you are financially prepared to retire at a day of your choice? On that day, you get to decide whether to step back or keep working. Developing an effective retirement paycheck means striking a balance between various registered and non-registered programs. Having a plan in place that gives you this flexibility means putting the retirement decision in your hands.

FEB. 9 – 12 CALGARY BOAT AND SPORTSMEN'S SHOW AT STAMPEDE PARK BMO CENTRE

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FEB. 25 – 26 2017 ISU WORLD SPRINT SPEED SKATING CHAMPIONSHIPS AT OLYMPIC OVAL

The Organizing Committee Calgary will be hosting the 2017 ISU World Sprint Speed Skating Championships at the Olympic Oval from Feb. 25-26. More info www.speedskating.ca



UNTIL APRIL 30 SHOWCASE: TOM COCHRANE AT NATIONAL MUSIC CENTRE

See important artifacts in Cochrane's acclaimed career, including the 1963 Gretsch guitar, used by Cochrane in the music video for 1988 single "Big League". More info www.studiobell.ca



YOUR COMMUNITY/CITY EVENTS AT A GLANCE...

Feb. 8 This Is That Live at Jack Singer Concert Hall

Hot on the heels of a new season of radio and a string of viral videos Pat Kelly and Peter Oldring are hitting the road with a new version of their popular live show - This Is That LIVE! If you have ever been curious how just two guys provide all the voices for this completely improvised radio comedy, well this is the show for you. Tickets and info www.artsccommons.ca

Feb. 11, 25 D&D Meet-up at The Sentry Box, Upper Mezzanine, 10 am – 5:30 pm

Whether you're a seasoned player or just curious about this type of role playing game, this D&D meet-up could be for you. Join this group who are dedicated players and welcome everyone, and with multiple ongoing campaigns new dungeon masters are encouraged to step up as well. More info <http://dnd.meetup.com/157/about/>

Feb. 14 – 25 Skylight at Theatre Calgary

On a crisp London evening, two former lovers from vastly different worlds find themselves locked in a dangerous battle of opposing ideologies and mutual desire. At times deeply personal, at times shockingly confrontational, this is one of the greatest intimate plays ever written. Watch, up close, as the embers of a broken relationship spark, ignite, and illuminate exciting possibilities. Tickets and info www.theatrecalgary.com

Feb. 24, 25 Winefest at Stampede Park BMO Centre

2016 Winefest Calgary was a delicious success! Attendees were afforded the opportunity to sample hundreds of red, white, port, sparkling, fruit and dessert wines from 15 different countries! To complement the delicious sips a selection of palate pleasing hors d'oeuvres will be served, along with a variety of tantalizing bites available from local businesses! Tickets and info www.celebratewinefest.com

Feb. 25 Coldest Night of the Year Walk Fundraiser at various Canadian cities

Walk with us on the Coldest Night of the Year, a super-fun, family-friendly fundraiser that raises money for the hungry, homeless, and hurting across Canada. Coldest Night of the Year 2017 officially launches on December 1, 2016, but you can register now! You'll see more and more features magically appear on the site as we get closer to launch. More info and registration www.canada.cnoy.org



January 5 First Quarter (waxing)

Moonlight is strong, encouraging leaf growth. It is a good time for planting, especially two days before the full moon. Take cuttings from plants you wish to propagate. Fertilize as close to the full moon as possible.

January 12 Full Moon (waning)

As the moon wanes, the energy is drawing down. Strong gravitational pull but moonlight is decreasing putting energy into the roots.

January 19 Last Quarter (waning)

Decreased gravitational pull and moonlight. A resting period. Take cuttings from plants you wish to propagate. Dry herbs, flowers and fruit. If you want to control growth or encourage rooting, perform the necessary activities during the waning moon.

January 27 New Moon (waxing)

Increasing moonlight, lunar gravity pulls water up encouraging plant growth and proliferation. Grafting, transplanting, re-potting, and watering. Gather herbs used for essential oils. Oil content is more concentrated at this time.

IN & AROUND CALGARY

Christmas Tree Recycling Program

Important changes to this year's program.

Recycle your live Christmas Tree

This year The City's Christmas Tree Recycling program will be drop-off only. They will not be collecting trees

door-to-door. Please recycle your real Christmas Trees by taking them to one of the 16 designated drop-off locations between December 26 and January 31.

Turn your real Christmas tree into useful mulch instead of garbage through The City's Christmas Tree Recycling program. By recycling trees into mulch, you can keep waste out our landfills and reduce harmful greenhouse gas emissions.



For tips on how to recycle other holiday items such as wrapping paper, boxes, packaging, and ribbons and bows, please visit our holiday recycling tips page.

Christmas tree recycling

- When preparing your tree:
- Remove all lights, ornaments, tinsel, string, garland and tree stands
- Do not bag or wrap your tree (including recycling tree bags)

For Drop-off locations see:

<http://www.calgary.ca/UEP/WRS/Pages/Recycling-information/Residential-services/Organics-recycling/Christmas-Tree-Recycling-Program.aspx>



Councillor, Ward 14
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Hello Ward 14.

I hope you had a chance to spend some quality time with friends and family over the holiday season. 2017 will bring new opportunities along with new challenges, as the future tends to do. First, though, I would like to speak about cleaning up after last year.

Christmas Tree Recycling

This is a VERY important update. Like many, City landfills have seen a significant drop in revenue because of the economic situation that we find ourselves in. Calgary's Waste & Recycling Services has had to adapt by implementing with cost-cutting measures to bring its budget back in line.

For one thing, landfills will move to four-day per week operations (and I am happy to announce that Council has frozen the tipping fee rate for 2017). Off days will be staggered so that there is always a place to take waste. *But the VERY important point is another cost-cutting measure.* There will be no door-to-door Christmas tree collection this year. You will be able to drop off your tree at one of 15 designated locations between December 26 and January 31 instead. Not collecting trees door-to-door will save about \$100,000.

For more information about the landfills you can visit calgary.ca/landfill, and for more information about the Christmas tree recycling you can visit calgary.ca/christmastree.

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Customer Review Period – 2017 Property and Business Tax Assessments

This is another important tidbit, but it isn't much different than previous years. Only the dates have changed. On January 5, the City will mail the 2017 property and business assessment notices. What you need to do is review it—carefully. Make sure your details are accurate and the assessed value is a fair reflection of the value of your property as of July 1, 2016. If you have any questions contact Assessment at 403-268-2888 during the Customer Review Period which runs from January 5 to March 6. The Customer Review Period is your only chance to make a case that your assessment is incorrect, so don't take it for granted. It will have a big impact on the property tax bill you get in spring.

The City has some very helpful online tools to help you decide if you think your assessment is fair. I strongly suggest checking them out. They will be at calgary.ca/assessment, but you will also need a City myID account (calgary.ca/myid). You will find all the information you need to get started with all of it in the assessment notice you receive after January 5.

Counciltalk

As you may have read in my December column, the first Counciltalk of the year will be at the Lake Bonavista Community Centre in the multi-purpose room on Saturday, January 28 from noon to 2 p.m. I hope you can come!

If not, the rest of the schedule is now set and can be found at calgary.ca/counciltalk. You can sign up to receive important updates about things like Counciltalk at calgary.ca/ward14connect.

Let's make this year a great one, Ward 14!

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